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Sent: 4/25/2019 1:34:42 PM
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CC: Hill-Macon, Cam [Hill-Macon.Cam@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: FW: Brazil pesticide inquiry

Hi Zoe,

Here's the updated request in the e-mail from the US Embassy below which is now to meet with this group when they visit DC. Is this something your office could do? Here's the detailed information:

Specific timeslots:
14 August after lunch; or
15 August morning

Topic:
Controlling pesticide drift from one farm to another. How the U.S. researches, regulates, and enforces rules on pesticide drift.

Delegation:
Representatives from APROSOJA – Brazil's Grain and Soybean producers association
Representatives from Ministry of Agriculture / Agricultural defense department.

Thanks.

Cristina

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Cc: Ustinova, Evgenia <UstinovaJ@state.gov>; Hill-Macon, Cam <Hill-Macon.Cam@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: FW: Brazil pesticide inquiry

Hi Pablo,

Thanks for the update. Will you or Jenia be the go between for EPA as we work on setting up a meeting in August with the Brazilian visitors? I'll let you know if other questions arise.

All the best.

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Cc: Ustinova, Evgenia <UstinovaJ@state.gov>
Subject: Re: FW: Brazil pesticide inquiry

Hi Cristina,
So the request has changed a bit, but for background USDA was involved in the earlier request and they thought EPA was the best place to inquire about possible support.

Here is the update to the earlier request:

USDA/Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS, Jenia copied) met with the association and they no longer need an event speaker.

However, they will be traveling to Washington August 12-15 and are seeking our help in setting up meetings at USDA and EPA. FAS will handle the USDA part. However they asked if you or someone else in EPA could help respond to their request for an EPA meeting?

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If you need more info to help respond to this request, Jenia could try to track it down with the Association.

Does this make sense?

Thanks in advance for your help,

—Pablo

Sent from Workspace ONE Boxer

On 16 April 2019 17:45:52 GMT-3, Mercurio, Cristina <Mercurio.Cristina@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Pablo,

Our folks are somewhat confused by this request. Do you know if they are looking for someone to answer general questions or to attend the event? They are also asking if you have been in touch with USDA on this issue.

As you can probably guess, EPA would not have the travel resources to support a trip to Brazil for on this issue.

Thanks.

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Subject: FW: Dicamba Drift USA

Hi Cristina,

We got an inquiry from the Brazilian Soybean Association asking is if we could put them in touch with an expert on U.S. experiences with regulating pesticide drift. I'm copying our Ag Attaché. If you think EPA could help, could you please connect us with someone in the agency that handles this issue? Note: the event date below has shifted, and we are confirming the new date.

Thanks for any help you might be able to provide,

--Pablo

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Subject: FW: Dicamba Drift USA

John –

Oliver mentioned that you may know someone who would be a good fit for this request below. Ill stop by to chat in a few minutes…

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From: Leonardo Minaré <leonardo@aprosojabrasil.com.br>
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Subject: Dicamba Drift USA

Good morning Jenia,

As previously reported, on March 20 we will hold an event at the Brazilian Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Supply.

This event will be exclusively for the technology of Bayer Intacta 2 Xtend.

This technology provides resistance to soybean, maize and cotton to Dicamba herbicide.

A few years ago American soybean producers had many problems when these varieties were released commercially.

The problem was the same that we must have here in Brazil, the drift (deriva in portuguese) of the product in the application.

This drift can kill the other vegetables that have no resistance to the herbicide.

I will forward you some links, the USDA and other media reporting the problem with drift

https://www.rma.usda.gov/en/News-Room/Frequently-Asked-Questions/Dicamba-Drift

https://www.independentsciencenews.org/environment/dicamba-herbicide-drift-a-disaster-in-2017-will-be-much-worse-in-2018/

https://agfaxweedsolutions.com/2018/06/21/dicamba-injury-reports-2018-drift-issues-becoming-more-evident/

In that way I would like you to be able to indicate someone who can attend this event at the Ministry of Agriculture, to present the problems reported by the American producers and how they have managed to solve, or even succeeded was done.

It could be someone on behalf of the USDA or some American producer, someone who knows the real problem that Americans have gone through and that soon the Brazilian producers will have to go through.

Sincerely

Leonardo Minare Brauna

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